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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I live in San Francisco and I am happily using a local internet provider: Sonic. For years, I had to choose between different large telecoms offering only DSL or Cable modems options. Bandwidth was limited and the price was essentially the same between them.

In 2016 came Sonic, a local provider, that decided to invest in the community and started rolling out Fiber optics internet connection. With the massive bandwidth gains of their fiber optic solution versus what Comcast and AT&T used to offer, I can now work from home with a stable VPN connection. That cut down my daily commute by 3h, saves me ~20\$ of gas daily and allows me to choose the internet service provider I want rather than the one I am forced to pick.

Verizon and AT&T want Sonic's customer connections to be throttled as a way of forcing back to their poor service. Instead, let small local providers continue to invest in their community and roll out fiber connections where the telecom giant refused to it by maintaining the regulation for wholesale internet access. If you let these telecom giants escape their obligations under Section 251, the FCC will be once again complicit in creating a telecom monopoly like with the one on long-distance calling in the 70s and early 80s.

FCC, learn from your past mistakes and let small local business continue to innovate.

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